



NEWS RELEASE

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Case No. 2014-21892

On December 30, 2014 at 9:15 a.m., Portage Department of Public Safety Police and Fire units were dispatched to a reported overturned semi-trailer traffic crash on US-131 northbound, near I-94. Upon arrival at the scene, a 53-foot semi-box-trailer was found lying on its side, blocking the two northbound lanes of traffic. The driver of the truck who was towing the trailer was not injured in the event. The trailer was hauling an estimated 40,000 pounds of rolled paper. The paper appeared to have shifted in transport, which may have contributed to the crash. The Michigan State Police Motor Carrier Division responded to the scene, as did the Michigan Department of Transportation. McDonald's Wrecker Service was called to the scene for removal of the wreckage. Highway traffic was slowed in the area for approximately five hours.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Portage Department of Public Safety at 329-4567 or Silent Observer at 343-2100, www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com.

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